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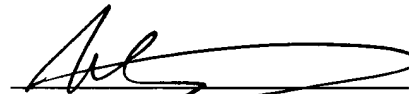
Claims 1-18 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claims 3 and 5-17 have been amended to eliminate the reference to improper multiple dependent claims and to place the same in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

An abstract has also been added.

Entry of the above is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter C. Michalos', is written over a horizontal line.

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